

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-636

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Goldstein-Johnson Property

other Richardson Farm

2. Location

street and number 6692 Cedar Lane not for publication

city, town	Simpsonville	X	vicinity
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county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Howard County Maryland Dept. of Public Works

street and number 3430 Courthouse Drive telephone 410-313-4687

city, town	Ellicott City	state	MD	zip code	21043
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 35-87

city, town	Ellicott City	liber	8997	folio	160
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	1	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	1	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

2

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Goldstein-Johnson Property (aka Richardson Farm) is located at 6692 Cedar Lane in Simpsonville, in central Howard County, MD. The property consists of a small frame shed, a deteriorated barn, and a CMU garage. A house that was located on the property in a previous inventory has since been demolished. There are also the remains of a millrace running along the hill on the south side of the property.

Shed

The shed is a one-story, one-bay square frame building with board-and-batten siding with wire nails. Some of the battens are actually tongue-and-grooved, beaded-edge-and-center boards, but most of the battens are about 1 inch wide. The siding was painted red, then painted white on top. The building is set on CMU piers, and appears to have been jacked up to put the piers beneath it. It has a gable roof with asphalt roll roofing and a north-south ridge. The south elevation has a board-and-batten door on butterfly hinges. There are no other openings. The rafter ends are exposed. The building has circular-sawn 2 by 4 construction with wire nails and 2 by 4 rafters that are mitered at the ridge, with no ridgepole. The rafters support board sheathing. There is a random-width floor that runs north-south, and the flooring is set on 2 by 4 joists that run east-west. There are two four-panel doors stored in here. They have sunken fields and ogee moulds, and one has a pressed metal knob.

Barn

The barn is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, board-and-batten siding, and a gable roof with corrugated metal and a north-south ridge. On the south elevation, the lower story has a small board-and-batten door hung on butterfly hinges in the west bay. The east bay has a Dutch door on machine-made strap hinges. The upper story has a board-and-batten door in the center that is also hung on machine-made strap hinges. The siding is circular-sawn. The west elevation has two window openings on the lower story, but the sash are missing. The upper story has no openings. The east elevation also has two window openings with the sash missing on the lower story. The north bay has the remains of a board door hung on machine-made strap hinges. The north elevation has no openings.

The lower story of the barn has an aisle along the west wall with a ladder to the upper story in the southwest corner. There are the remains of several pens to the east of this aisle. The barn is constructed with a circular-sawn heavy timber frame that is mortised, tenoned and pegged, and has braces that are fastened with wire nails. The east sill, girt and center post are badly rotted causing the east wall to kick out. The upper story joists are 2 inches by 9-1/2 inches and run east-west, with a small summer beam set west of center that also serves to divide the aisle from the pens. This summer beam runs north-south with six posts under it, one on each end and the other four spaced across the center. The summer beam is not part of the framing, and is not tied into the rest of the building, as if it was added later. The posts rest on the wood sill set on stones on the north and south end, however, so it could possibly be original. The west and east elevation sash slid open, and have a batten nailed along the horizontal beam on which the sash sits to create a track. The building has down braces. In the upper story, the north and south girts are dropped, but the center girt is lapped and has upbraces. The upper story is one large open space. The rafters are approximately 2 by 8s that are circular sawn and are mitered at the ridge, with no ridgepole. They support wide board lath.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder n/a

Construction dates c. 1895-1915

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Throughout the second half of the nineteenth century this small farm was associated with the Simpsonville Mill property, though just what part it played is not clear. John McGrain's research notes that Charles Simpson bought the mill in 1850 but by 1860 was no longer running it. This property, not owned by Charles but by either James or William Simpson, was next to the mill property. The old millrace still cuts across the property, and when this farm was cut off by William and Rebecca Simpson and sold in 1891, the right was reserved "to back water upon the western and southwestern parts of the land hereby conveyed, and also the right to enter and make all necessary repairs to the millrace." (1)

The Simpsons sold 31 acres for \$1100, a price low enough to suggest there were insignificant improvements on the property. Sophia Stern of Baltimore City bought the property, but sold it two years later to Isaac Goldstein and Lewis Abram. In 1896 they were assessed for improvements valued at \$488, and two years later had added a "new store house" assessed at \$250. Abram then sold his share of the property to Eli Goldstein. The road here originally ran much closer to the location of the house, so a store here was not isolated from traffic. Isaac Goldstein was a native of Russia, and he kept store at Simpsonville until 1902, when he and Eli Goldstein sold the property to David Johnson, a mulatto farm laborer who was apparently acquiring his first land. Johnson was listed as a farmer in 1910, but sold the land a year later. He still had a mortgage on the property and perhaps was having trouble paying it off. The farm passed hands a number of times, during which it was reduced to 23 ¾ acres. In 1921 it was purchased by Harry and Rachel Saumening, and they owned it until 1957, when it was sold to James and Anne Robinson. (2)

The house was torn down between March 1993 and February 2005. Without the house to examine and date, it is difficult to say much about the farm. The barn is severely deteriorated and is scheduled to be demolished as part of the conversion of the farm to a public park. It is more accurately a large stable, with several pens along the east side and an aisle along the west, and a large, open upper story for storage of hay. The lower story does not contain any large doorways to bring wagons into the building. The construction of the building is consistent with the late 1890s or first quarter of the twentieth century. It was most likely added by Johnson, though the Goldsteins would have also had need for stabling, too.

Notes:

(1). John McGrain, "Molinography of Maryland," typescript.

(2). Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, District 5 assessment, 1896-1910. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Howard County, Maryland, 5th district, 1900, 1910.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 20.06 acres

Acreage of historical setting 31 acres

Quadrangle name Clarksville & Savage

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is the property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ken Short

organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 8/16/2006

street and number 3430 Courthouse Drive

telephone 410-313-4335

city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

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Name Goldstein-Johnson Property

Continuation Sheet

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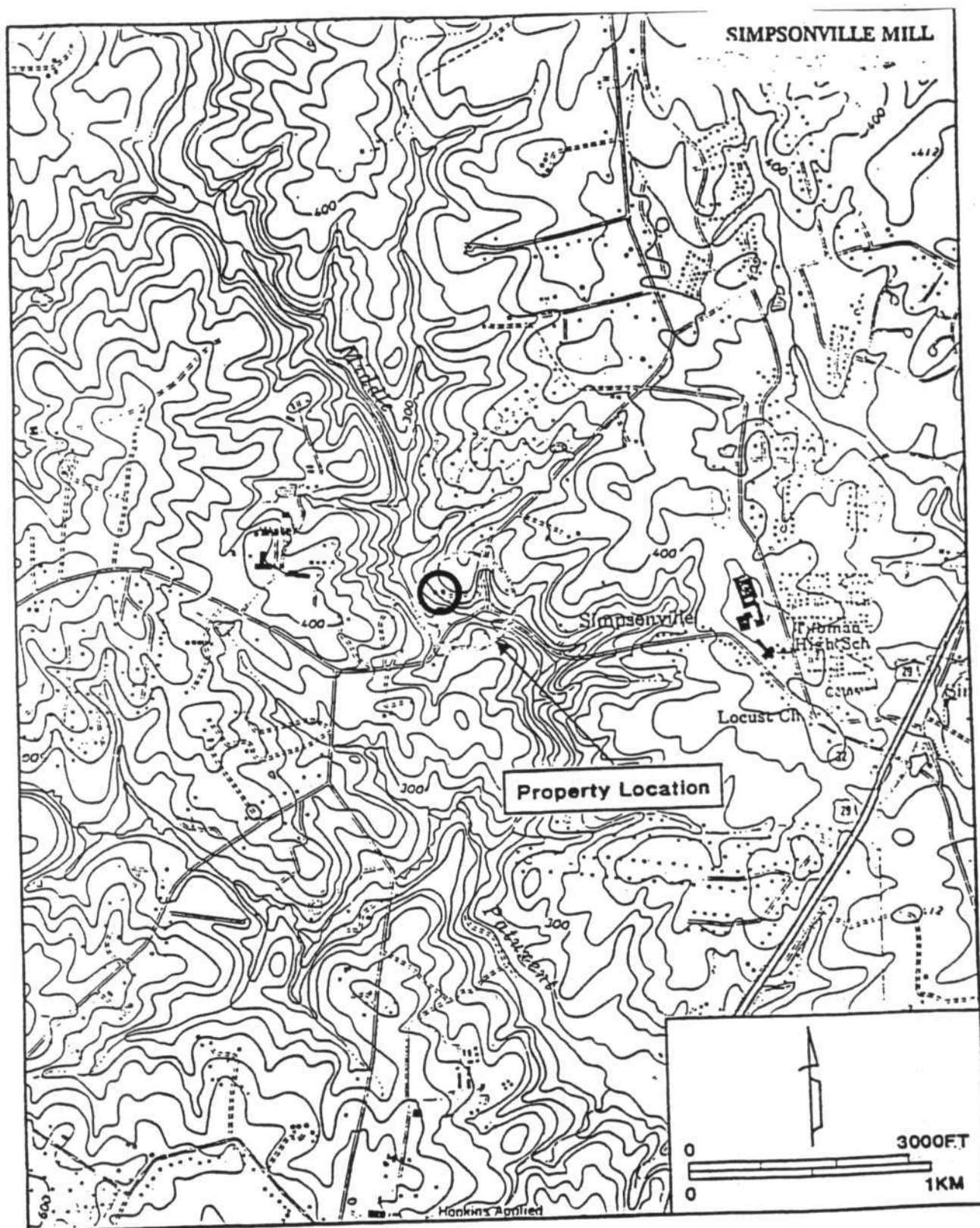
Goldstein-Johnson Property (HO-636)
6692 Cedar Lane
CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Middle Patuxent Nature Center Foundation, Inc.	Howard Co., MD	2.18.2005	MDR 8997-160	Deed - fee simple	\$2,000,000	18.397 A	
Anne S. Robinson	Middle Patuxent Nature Foundation, Inc.	7.9.2003	MDR 7437-562	Deed - fee simple	\$0	24-3/4 A	
Harry S. & Rachel J. Saumenig (H/W)	James H. & Anne S. Robinson (H/W/?)	6.8.1957	RHM 299-279	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	23-3/4 A	
John Clifton & Martha Ann W all (H/W)/Howard	Harry S. & Rachel J. Saumenig (H/W)	10.3.1921	HBN 113-359	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	34-3/4 A	
Charles T. Baldwin & wf. Alice Ann/Howard	John Clifton Wall/Howard	1.27.1914	WWLC 96-370	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	34-3/4 A	
David T. & Agnes J. Johnson (H/W)/Howard	Charles T. Baldwin/Howard	11.21.1911	WWLC 92-122	Deed - fee simple	\$250 & assumption of mortgage of \$1,250	31 A	
Eli Goldstein & wf. Sarah Isaac Goldstein & wf. Etta	David T. Johnson	4.24.1902	JHO 75-216	Deed - fee simple	\$1,400	?	
Lewis Abram & wife Fanny/Howard	Eli Goldstein/?	1.21.1897	JHO 67-268	Deed - fee simple	\$213	?	
Sophia Stein & husband Moses/Howard	Isaac Goldstein Lewis Abram	11.20.1893	JHO 60-604	Deed - fee simple	\$1,100	?	Subject to mortgage for \$500 from Grantor and the right to "the stock of goods in the store at Simpsonville the crops upon the farm and all implements, horses or whatsoever is connected with the business of the firm of Goldstein & Abram doing business at Simpsonville
William Simpson & wf. Rebecca/Howard James Mackubin, mortgagee/Howard	Sophia Stern, Baltimore City	9.1.1891	JHO 57-536	Deed - fee simple	\$1,100	31 A	P/O Four Brother's portion mentions the former of the stable. * (See next page) [no previous reference]

Goldstein-Johnson Property (HO-636)
6692 Cedar Lane
CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
James Mackubin, assignee of mortgage/?	Rebecca Simpson/?	10.1.1889	55-152	Deed - ?	\$4,800	215 A	P/O 4 brothers portion Includes village of Simpsonville; no M & B (1)
Henry E Wootton, trustee	James Simpson H. Clay Simpson	1.4.1878	38-605				(1)
James Mackubin, trustee/?	William Simpson/?	5.1.1890	55-616	Deed - ?	\$3,660	100 A	James Simpson, mort. (2)
James Mackubin, trustee	James Simpson	3.17.1858	19-89				(2)
Henry H. Owings & wf. Elizabeth/Howard	William Simpson/Howard	5.21.1856	17-278	Deed Indenture	\$274	17+ A	P/O four brothers portion
Henry H. Owings & wf. Elizabeth/Howard	William Simpson/Howard	6.8.1853	14-74	Deed Indenture	\$376	14+ A	On Simpsonville Road P/O four brothers portion

- “as well as the use of a certain stable now standing on the race bank until the land on which said stable is located is required for the use of the race or mill property, upon said Sophia Stern or those claiming under him shall have the full power to remove said stable to his own land.”
- Also: Simpson and assigns have right “to back water upon the western and southwestern parts of the land hereby conveyed, and also the right to enter and make all necessary repairs to the mill race.



Property Location
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Clarksville and Savage, MD Quadrangles
 Photorevised 1979 and 1974

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 6692 Cedar Lane
 Clarksville & Savage Quads

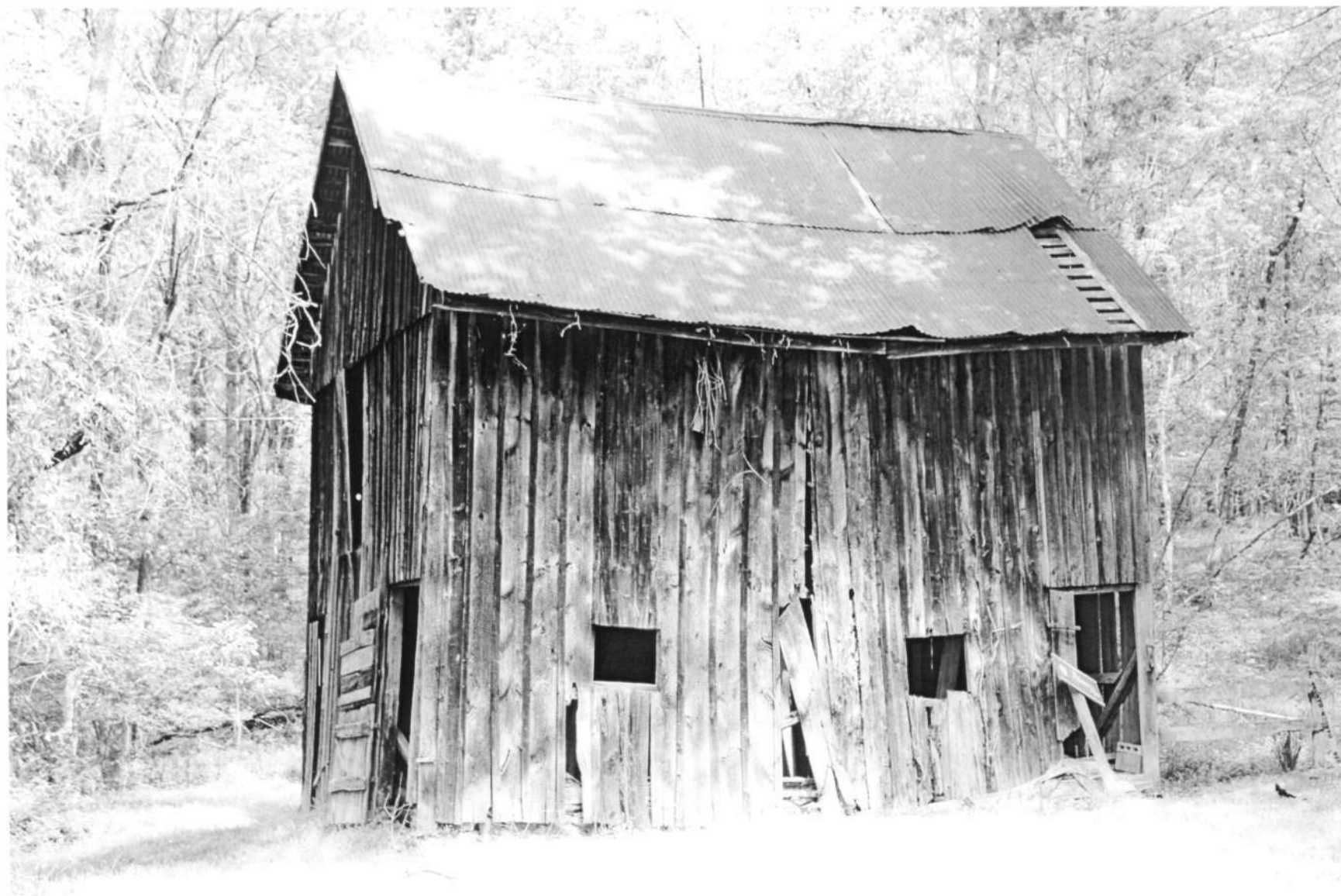
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Goldstein-Johnson
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Barn-south and east
elevations
Ken Short
May 2006
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Property
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Howard County, MD
Millrace-vw west
Ken Short
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Goldstein-Johnson
Property
6692 Cedar Lane
Howard County, MD
Barn- west elevation
Ken Short
May 2006
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Goldstein-Johnson
Property
6692 Cedar Lane
Howard County, MD
Barn-upper story
interior, vw. east
Ken Short
May 2006
3/5

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Goldstein-Johnson
Property
6692 Cedar Lane
Howard County, MD
Shed-south and east
elevations
Ken Short
May 2006
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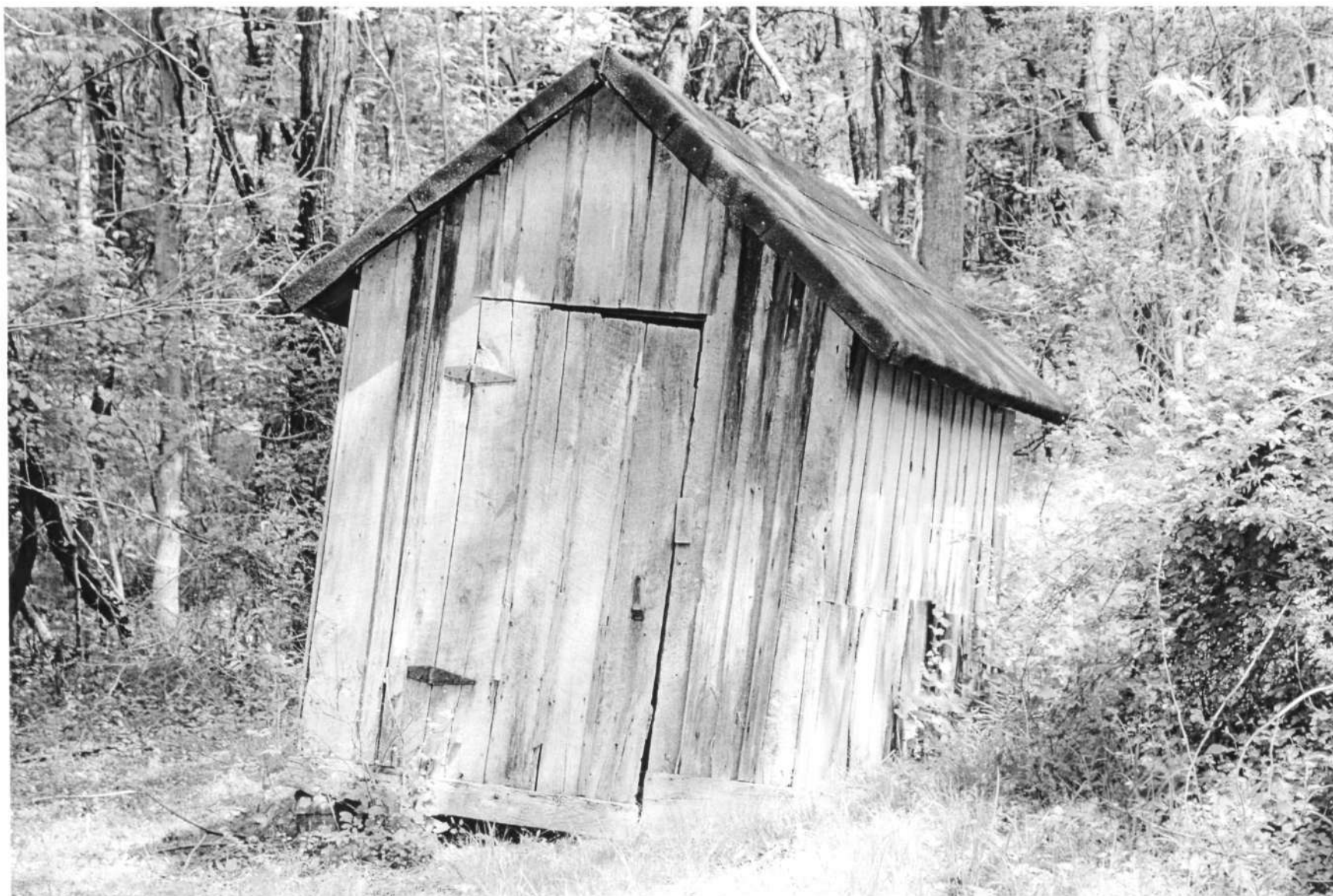
HO-636 Goldstein-Johnson Property 6692 Cedar Lane Barn-south and east elevations
Ken Short, May 2006, 1/5



HO-636 Goldstein-Johnson Property 6692 Cedar Lane Barn-west elevation
Ken Short, May 2006, 2/5



HO-636 Goldstein-Johnson Property 6692 Cedar Lane Barn-upper story interior, vw. east
Ken Short, May 2006, 3/5



HO-636 Goldstein-Johnson Property 6692 Cedar Lane Shed-south and east elevations
Ken Short, May 2006, 4/5



HO-636 Goldstein-Johnson Property 6692 Cedar Lane Millrace-vw west
Ken Short, May 2006, 5/5

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Robinson House Inventory Number: HO-636
Address: 6692 Cedar Lane Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Columbia Zip Code: 21150 County: Howard
USGS Quadrangle(s): Clarksville
Property Owner: Howard County Department of Public Works Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Demolition of Robinson Barn Agency: POS
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Jonathan Sager Date Prepared: 1/23/2006
Documentation is presented in: MIHP# HO-636
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

When surveyed in 1993, the Robinson property contained a mid- to late nineteenth century frame house, a barn of approximately the same age, a small shed, and a concrete block garage. The house was demolished sometime between March 1993 and the July 2003 acquisition of the property by Howard County. As of January 2006 the only standing structures on the property were the twentieth-century garage and the barn.

The demolition of the house decreased any associative integrity that the Robinson property may have had. The remaining barn and concrete block garage are not particularly representative of any building type, period, form, style, or method of construction. The property is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criteria A, B, or C.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/23/06
Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

2/21/06
Date

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-636

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Robinson House

2. Location

street & number 6692 Cedar Lane ☐ not for publication

city, town Columbia ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Howard

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. James Robinson

street & number 6692 Cedar Lane telephone no.:

city, town Columbia state and zip code Maryland 21150

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. HO-636

Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Robinson House is very modest mid to late nineteenth century frame dwelling located west of Cedar Lane and north of Md 32 in Howard County. Surrounded by heavy woods and just uphill from the Middle Branch of the Patuxent River, the 22 acre property encompasses much of the Simpsonville Mill Site.

What was once a complex of mill buildings, stores, shops, etc. is now largely archeological in nature, with few extant buildings apart from the ruins of the stone mill, outlying dwellings housing the mill owners, store, and the dwelling currently owned by Mrs. Robinson. It may be associated with an R.C. Nicholson in the 1860's who may be the Richard Nicholson listed in the 1850 Manufacturing Census as a blacksmith in Howard County.

The structure is built into a rise on the north, thus revealing the stone foundation on the south above grade. The principle facade of the building, three bays wide, is oriented to the east and located close to the original alignment of Cedar Lane as it turned to the south to cross the Middle Branch of the Patuxent. The mill ruins are located about one hundred feet east of the house. The dwelling is covered with cedar shakes. A full width, one-story open porch spans the entire 30 foot width of the structure, with the south bay enclosed. An ell extends from the north and middle bays of the rear, or west elevation of the structure, with a small, one-story high pantry built on stone pylons located in the angle between the main block and the ell. The main block has two rooms down and two rooms upstairs. On the main level, the north and south rooms are 13 foot square and separated by a 4 foot wide center stairway, reached via the entry centered on the east bay. The ell is 22 feet wide on the west elevation and is internally divided by means of a partition into an entrance foyer on the north and kitchen on the south, which accesses the pantry in the southwest junction of the main block and the ell. The owner reports extensive renovation of the interior, such as removal of fireplaces and replacement of stairway, etc. A barn, shed and concrete block garage are located northwest of the dwelling. The frame structure appear to date to the early twentieth century.

8. Significance

Survey No. HO-636

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Ca. 1860	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

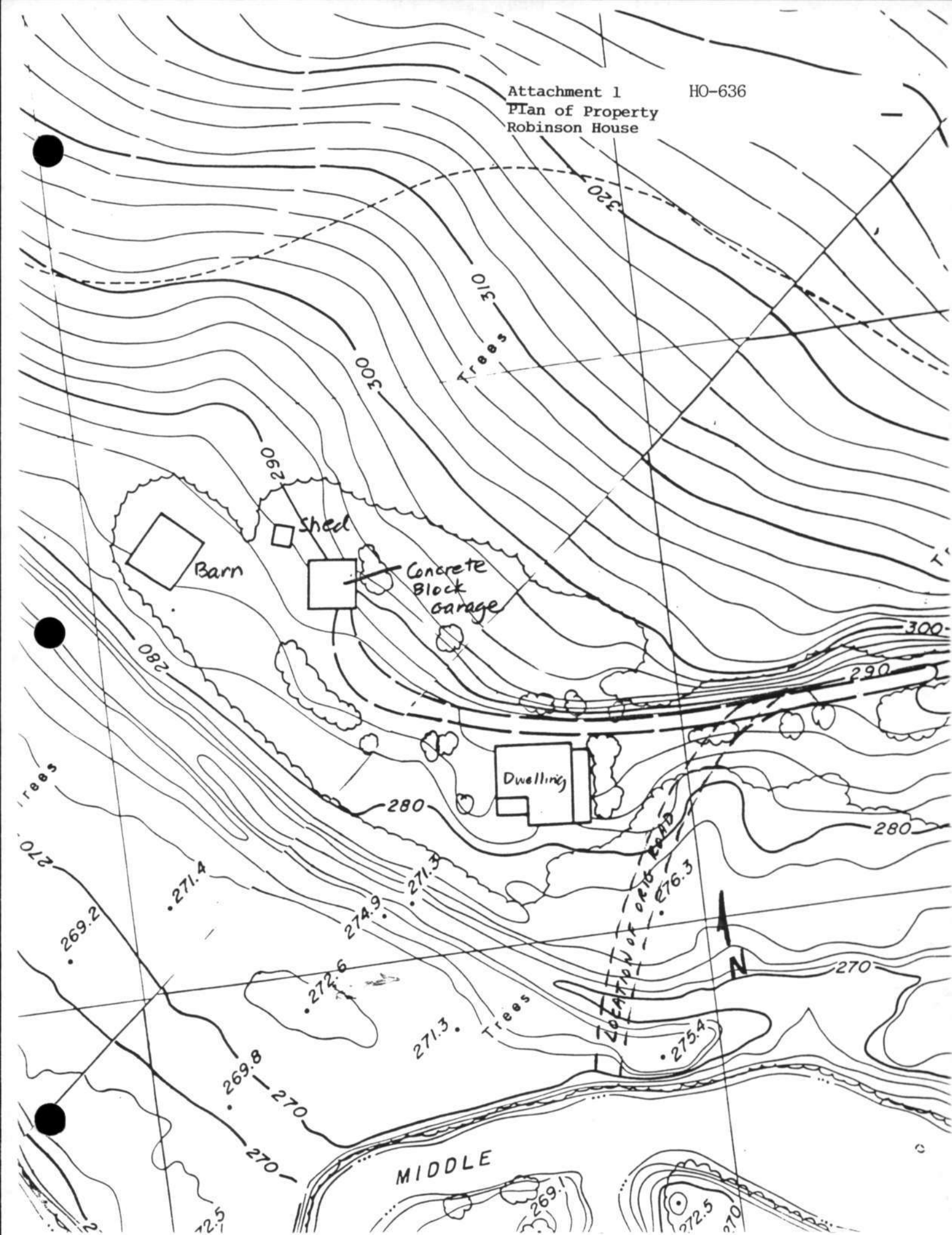
This modest, frame nineteenth century dwelling is significant as a probable component of the Simpsonville Mill Historic District, and one of the few extant standing structures. It may be the structure identified as the R.C. Nicholson Residence in 1860. No long term residents of the area have identified the function of the structure, or any connection with the Mill. The Simpsonville Historic District remains as a surviving example of a late eighteenth through early twentieth-century rural village that contains a well-preserved example of a mill seat including a standing mill structure and other related features. The Simpsonville District was a small, rural manufacturing village with the milling industry as its principal focus. The District includes structures (residential, commercial, and industrial) and associated archeological deposits dating from at least 1768 to 1920. This rural village contains a collection of various structures/archeological deposits including the remains of or extant structures of a possible sawmill, a possible wheelwright's shop, residences. Surrounding the site on the opposite side of Cedar Lane and Route 32 are the locations of standing historic buildings including the Millers House, two large mansions associated with the Owings family and Owings Family Cemetery.

Generally most small communities grew around a central location that served a specific purpose. In the case of Simpsonville, the central focus was the mill, which provided local farmers an opportunity to grind their wheat for both the local market and major commercial centers such as Ellicott City and Baltimore. As a centralized location for this activity, roads and bridges were constructed to facilitate transport to and from the Mill. The evolution of this mill-based community occurred from at least 1768 to 1920. Features identified at the site appear to reflect the evolution of the rural village, which may be associated with the related growth of the surrounding mill community.

See Attachment

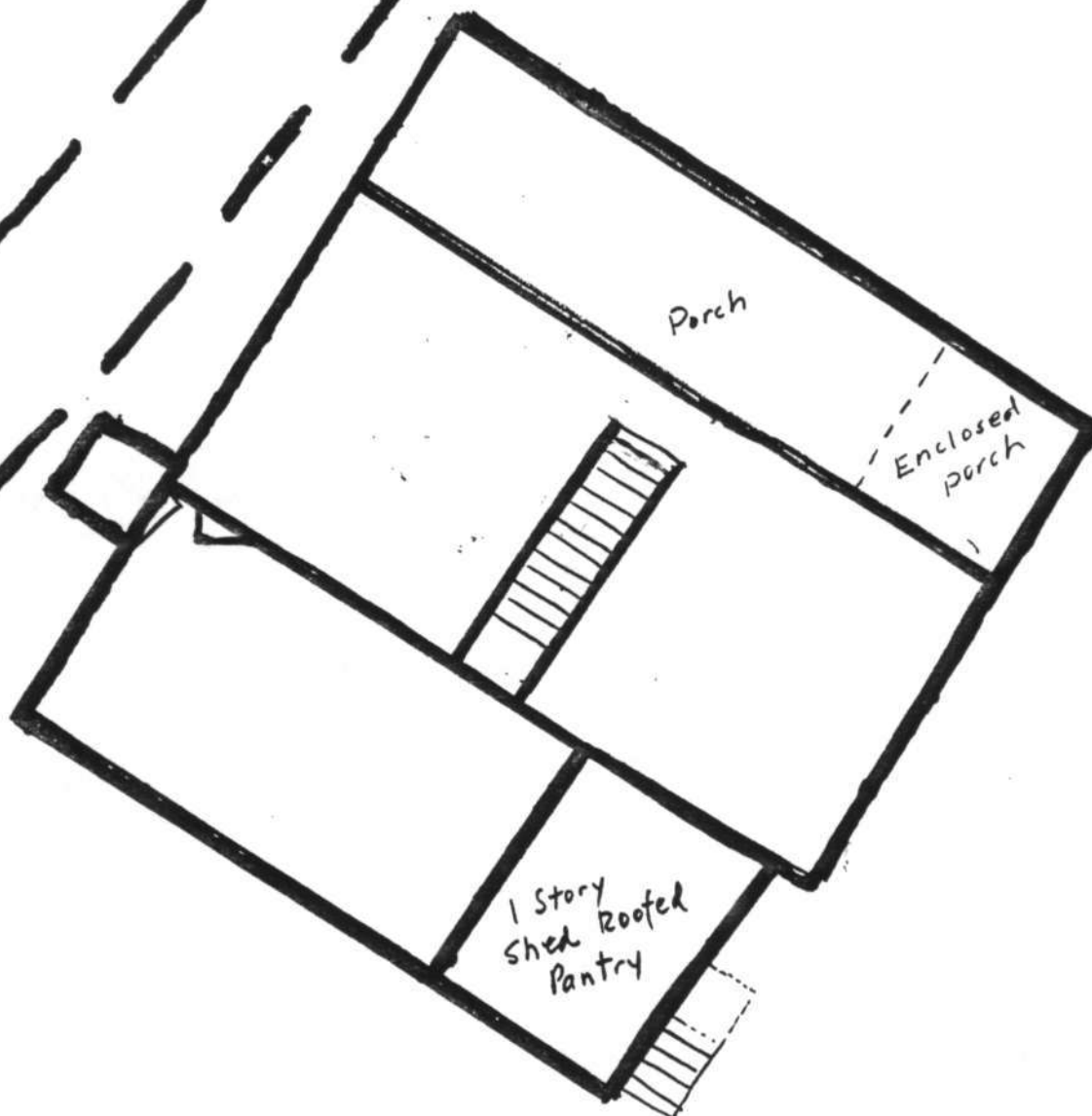
Obviously as the milling industry burgeoned in the late 1700s (after the Ellicott Brothers produced a market for the grain trade) many custom mills shifted from serving a primarily local clientele (local farmers) to rural centers, like Simpsonville, which maintained economic ties with larger merchant mills (such as Ellicott Mills and Owings Mills). Those mills were incorporated into the regional, inter-regional, and international market through the industrial port of Baltimore. Locally, the Simpsonville Site is the only surviving, intact example of a mill-base village community in Howard County. Although other mill sites are scattered throughout the area (e.g., the Roxbury Mill, Historic District of Ellicott City, and Savage Mill), Simpsonville remains the only example of a small, historic mill community that continues to preserve important archaeological, geographic, and architectural components. Moreover, the fact that the Simpsonville Site is affiliated with the founding families of Howard county (e.g., Warfield, Owings, and Simpsons) further attests to its past and present importance to the surrounding community.

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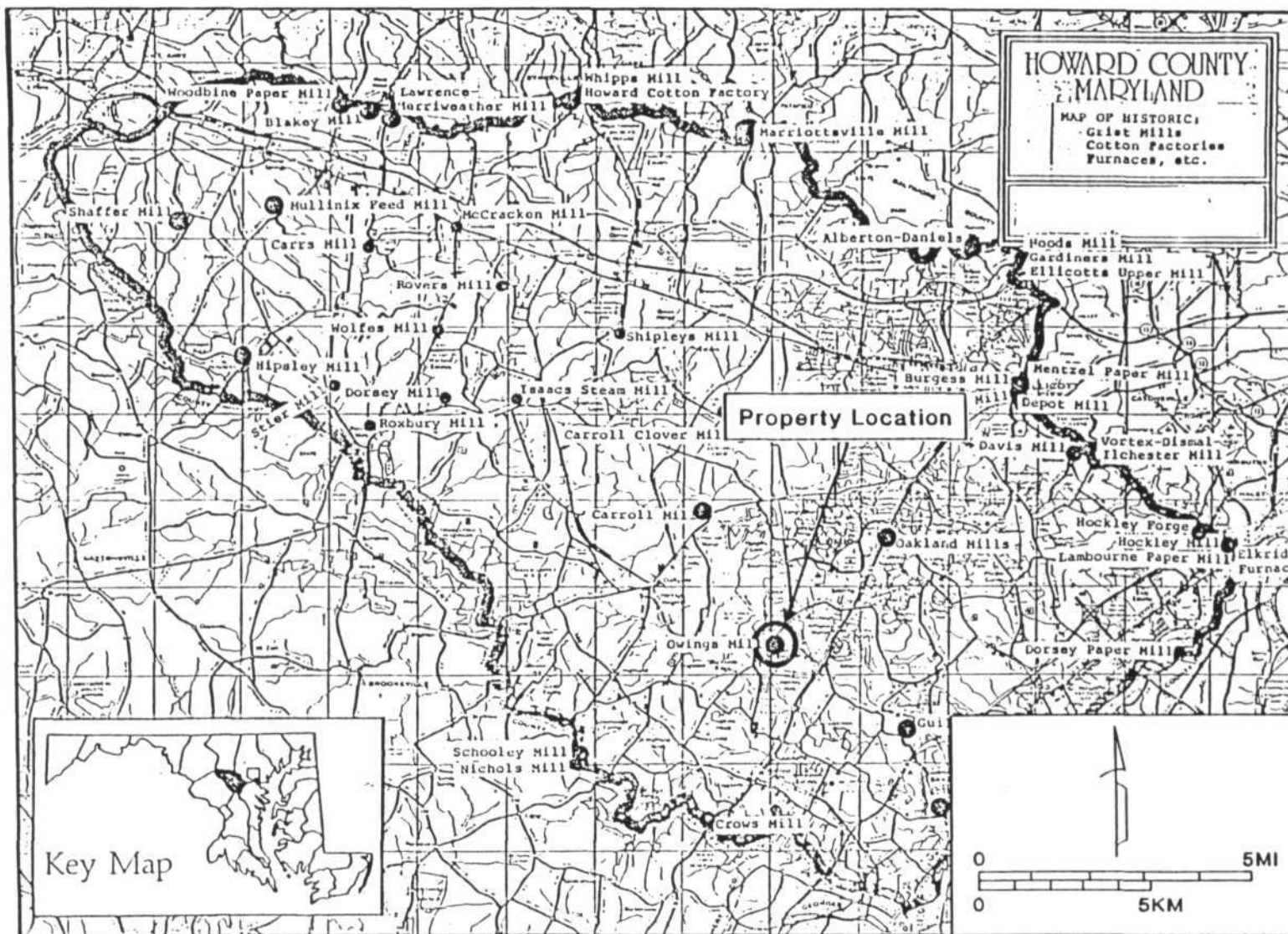


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Attachment 2 - Plan of Dwelling
Sketch Map, Main Level
Robinson House



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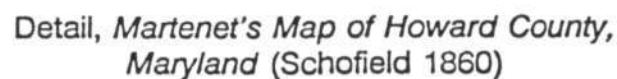


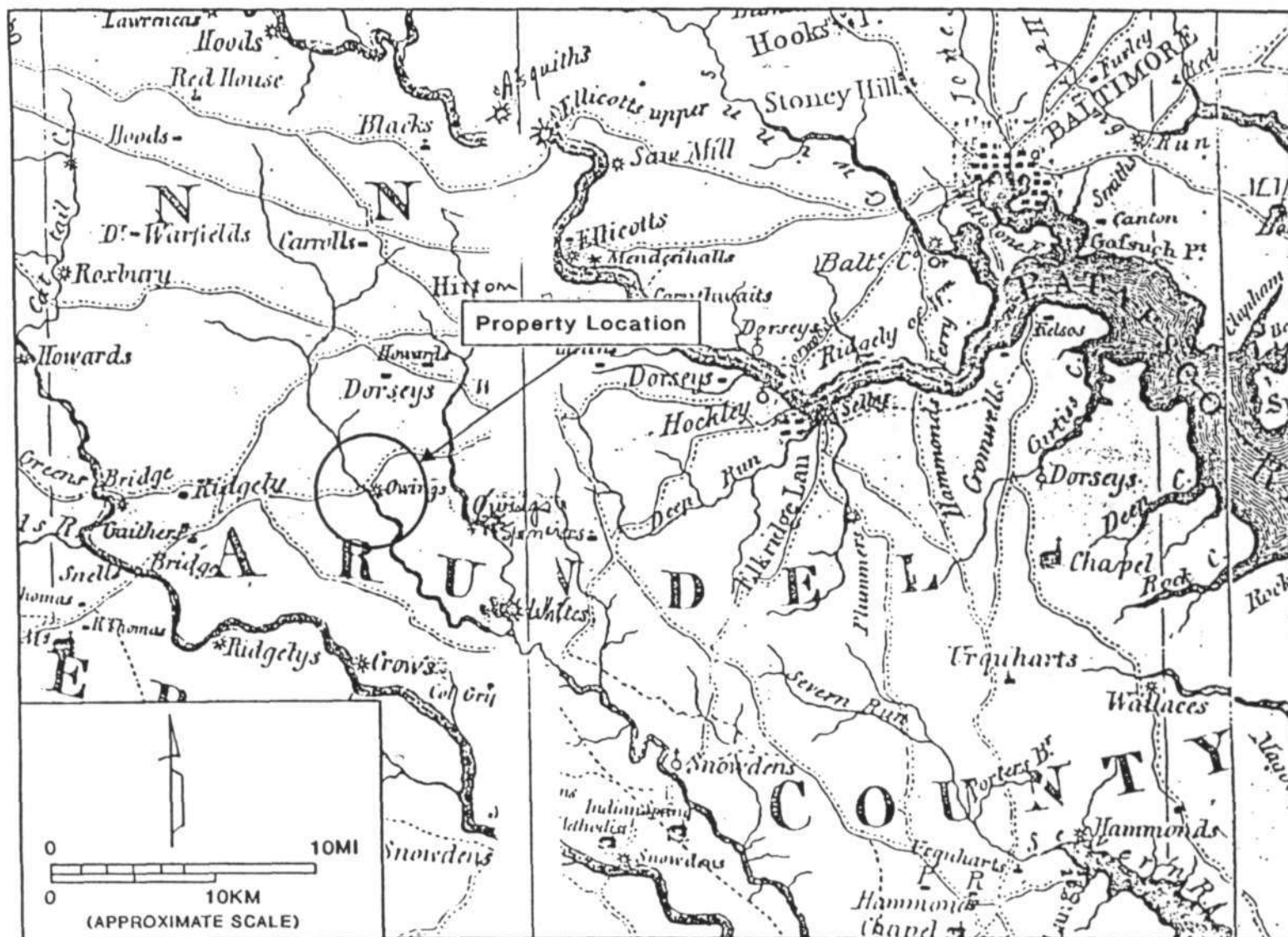
Howard County Maryland, Map of Historic:
Grist Mills, Cotton Factories,
Furnaces, etc. (McGrain 1985)

SIMPSONVILLE MILL
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Attachment 3 -
Map of Historic Grist Mills
Robinson House

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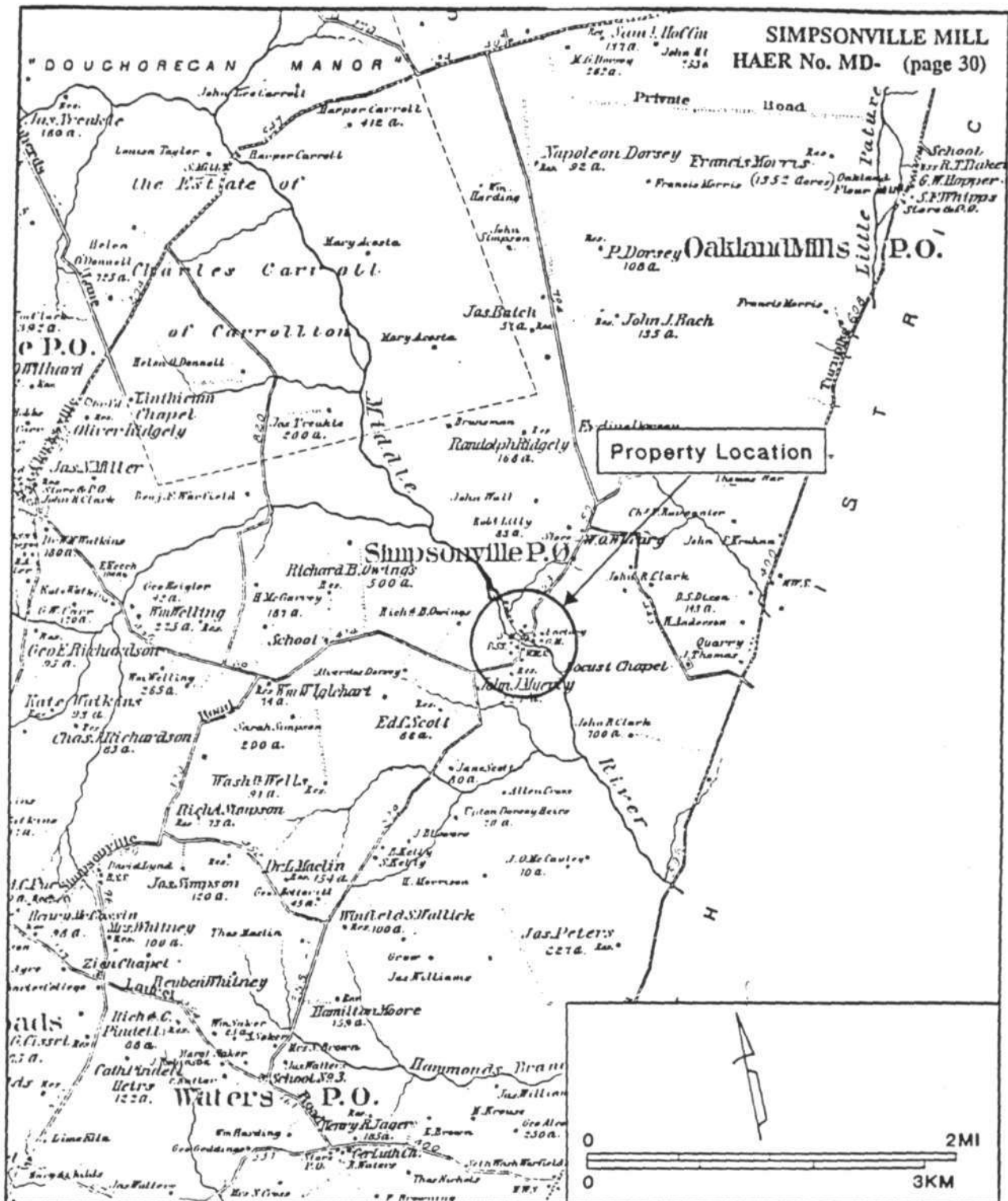




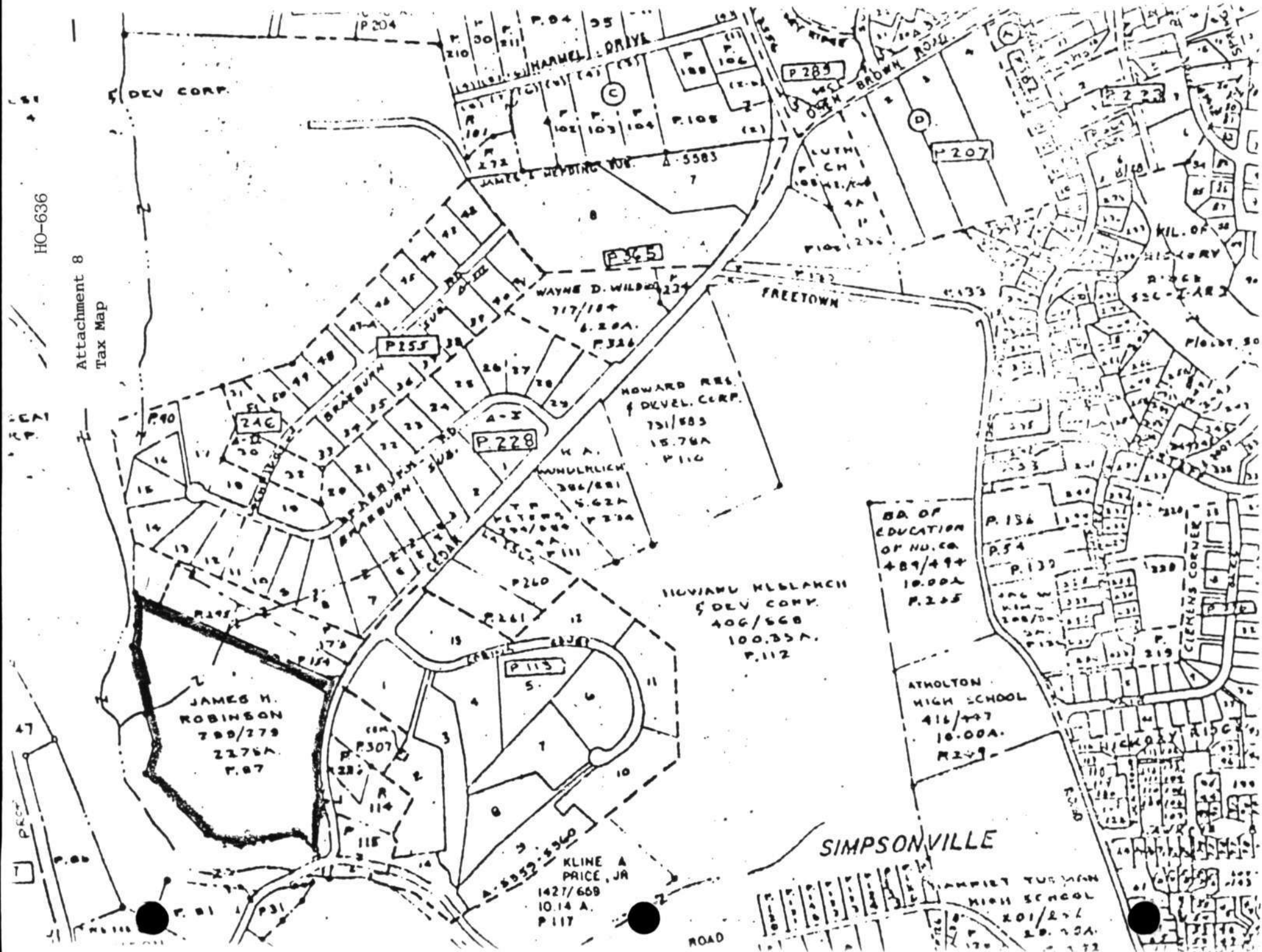
Detail, A Map of the State of Maryland
(Griffith 1795, adapted by John McGrain)

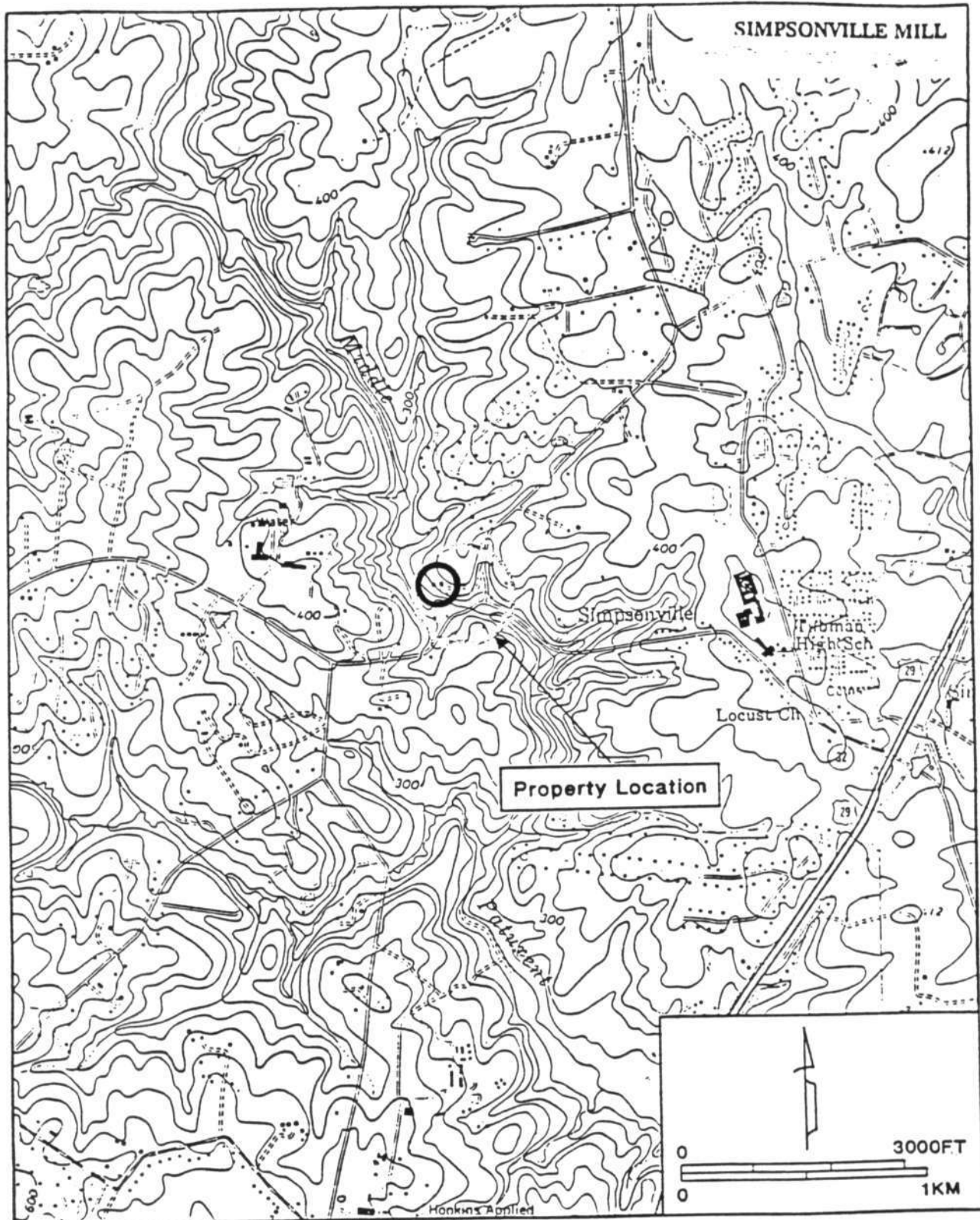
Map

Robinson House



Detail, Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Baltimore,
Including Howard County, Maryland
(Hopkins 1878)





QUADRANGLE LOCATIONS

Property Location
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Clarksville and Savage, MD Quadrangles
Photorevised 1979 and 1974



Ho - 636

Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

East or ~~Principle~~ elevation



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Robinson House

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Columbia Md.

East or Principle elevation



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

West elevation



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

N.E. corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

N.W. corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

S.E. Corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

S.W. corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

South elevation



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Robinson House

6692 cedar Lane, Columbia, Md.

Interior Bath Room

S.W. corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedarhane

Columbia, Md.

Interior North Room

N.W. corner



Ho-634

Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

Interior South Room

South wall



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

Interior, Stair



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

Interior, South Room

S.W. corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

Shed, N.E. corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

Barn, North corner



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

Barr, N.E. Elevation



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Robinson House

6692 Cedar Lane

Columbia, Md.

Barn, S.W. side
detail